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## THE ARMENIAN RELIEF FUND

An agent of the Near East Relief, a society whose object is to raise money for the suffering Armenians, who, as everybody knows have been robbed and butchered by the Turks, was making a speech at a meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

After the address the speaker noticed a working man in a blue shirt trying to make his way to the platform. He was an engineer and his face was marked by a scar caused by a blast of steam. He stood waiting at the edge of the crowd. The speaker approached him and asked what he could do for him.

The man said that all he wanted to know was whether it was a sure thing that all the money contributed to the fund actually reached the starving Armenians. He was assured, and proofs furnished.

It afterwards developed that this locomotive engineer, whose name is Robert Graf, had already contributed fifteen hundred dollars to the relief fund. This is a good deal for an engineer to contribute out of his salary.

But it was not all. Robert Graf went home, sold his house for thirty-five hundred dollars and gave that to the fund for the purpose of purchasing an orphanage in Armenia.

The agents of the fund objected to taking the money, as it seemed too much. Whereupon the engineer replied, "Oh, that's nothing at all. I can't stand the idea of knowing women and little children are going hungry. Why, I could sell and give away everything I've got and still be a rich man. I have got my work, my hands, my health and a job, and I never know what it is to go hungry. These people have no opportunity to work; they are helpless. I don't deserve any credit for giving so long as I am not suffering nor sacrificing anything myself."

Was this man justified in this sort of giving?

Our first impulse is to say that he was not; that he should have provided for himself and his wife before giving to others and that he was not prudent and thrifty.

This is good reasoning, perhaps, but it leaves out the most important factor in human nature and that is its capacity to do something big and glorious and unreasonable.

The reckless, hilarious, adventurous gambling instinct is not confined to doing wrong. We can use it and get fun out of it also in doing right. You can not get the answer to life by adding up the figures on the balance sheet.

I take my hat off to Robert Graf and all the magnificent, unresponsible, God-blessed people like him and I am glad to know that humanity can not only go to the devil hilariously by getting drunk and spending money on Broadway, but they can go to heaven hilariously and have a glorious, intoxicating joy in doing it, by giving away all that one has to satisfy splendidly a beautiful impulse.

The more I think of this incident the bigger this man looms in my imagination. I honestly envy his sublime courage.

Robert Graf was not giving away his money because he didn't realize what it cost. He did realize it. He said: "You know a man's got to stick his face up against the wind a good many times to win fifteen hundred dollars, and I want to be sure my money is getting there, that's all."

### NEAR EAST RELIEF.

Nashville, Tenn., March 1.—Organization in Tennessee in interest of the Near East Relief is being completed now. Chairmen have been selected in about twenty counties and men are in other counties to select heads for the work. Actual campaign work is expected to get under way about March 15.

The purpose of the campaign is to induce Tennessee people to adopt 2,500 orphans of Armenians and Syrians whom Turks during the war tried to exterminate. They will need help until the next harvest, but after that time it is the hope of the committee to have them reestablished on self sustaining basis.

The work is approved by General Pershing in a statement made public last week.

J. L. CATON,  
Publicity Manager

A comedy drama of the great Southwest in four acts entitled "An Arizona Cow Boy," will be given at the Morris Chapel school house Saturday night March 6, beginning at 7.30 o'clock. Hezekiah Bugg, the biggest liar in Arizona, and Yow Kee, a Chinaman, furnish fun and laughter throughout the evening. Everyone is cordially invited. Admission, 15, 25 and 35 cents.

It is to be observed that Lodge's plan for "Americanizing" the treaty is more or less satisfactory to the elements which sympathized with Germany before and during the recent war.

As the spring hat season is upon us we realize more than ever that the words "money" and "millionaire" are synonymous.

## KEEP OUT THE UNDESIRABLES

The current dispatches state that the immigration bureaus of Europe are busy as bees preparing to flood this country with immigrants from all over Southern Europe and if our Government officials do not put a crimp in this they are not going to prove their Americanism or do their plain duty.

The old world sends us annually 1,000,000 or more of her surplus population. Most of them are worthy people and are welcome. But for a full century the countries of the old world have sent us all their criminals that could be smuggled through our immigration safeguards. Hence the highbinders, blackhanders and other canaille that appears from time to time in our country, hence a multitude of criminals that construe our freedom to mean merely license for them to trample upon our laws, and like mustangs, so soon as they get for the first time all they want to eat, they are ready to kick the stable down that has sheltered them.

Germans, Hungarians, Italians, Russians, Rumanians, Bulgarians and no end of other races of dark-skinned people are preparing to escape the taxation and heavy burdens of their own war-torn countries by flocking to the United States by the hundreds of thousands, and unless the war-time regulations are maintained and even tightened and strengthened this is what is going to happen. We will have millions of these ignorant and un-American people in here in addition to the million already here and what the result will be can readily be seen by what is happening right now in our great industrial centers all over the country.

Strikes, riots, Bolshevism, anarchy and kindred evils are already rampant and it will not be a matter of what will happen if this untutored, undeodorized scum of Southern Europe is allowed to swarm in here any more. Nothing short of revolution can possibly result and it is time all Americans were sitting up and taking notice—also taking action and direct action if necessary.

In the raids recently made at Gary, Indiana, where steel striking radicals were rounded up, tons and tons of the worst kind of Bolshevik and anarchistic literature was unearthed and captured by the Federal authorities. Wholesale deportations should now take place and immigration screws tightened all along the line.

The same Hun propaganda that brought about the world war is being waged right now all over the United States. The results are already apparent. Will our lawmakers and officials rise to the occasion, or will they continue to play politics and enact the roles of politicians instead of statesmen?

### Cotton Consumption in South.

Washington, D. C., February 27.—In the quantity of cotton consumed in manufacture North Carolina now stands second only to Massachusetts, according to official figures issued by the Bureau of the Census. In the year ending July, 1919, Massachusetts used 1,324,815 bales, and North Carolina 1,035,717 bales. South Carolina was third and Georgia fourth.

### Wins Corn Premium.

Jefferson City, Mo., February 25.—J. R. Sheldon of Holden, Mo., a Johnson County farmer, has won the \$1,000 cash prize and gold medal awarded by the Philadelphia Farm Journal for having produced an average of 127.47 bushels of corn on five acres last season. Upon learning of this award today, Governor Gardner sent a telegram of congratulation to Sheldon.

### Educating Soldiers.

Washington, D. C., February 28.—Of the 172,256 men in the camps and posts of the army on December 31, 1919, nearly 93,000 were taking instruction in educational subjects. More than 10,000 of the total enlisted strength of 13,984 in the Philippines were studying special subjects.

### Maud's Reminder.

"Thanks," said the Judge, "a sweeter draught from fairer hand."

"Yes," interrupted Maud Miller, fixing him with a cold look, "but before you ride away remember there's a 1-cent war tax on that drink."

### Memory Prodder.

"Is there a druggist in town?" "Yes, I'm the druggist, what can I do for you?"

"I want to know the name of the wood used for making skis over in Switzerland."

"Well, sir, I'm sorry, but—" "Sorry, nothing! It's slippery elm I want."

Shakespeare, or some other wise chap, said the world's a stage and all the people players. The part of the goat is assigned to father.

Mrs. Mike B. Fry left Saturday for Hot Springs, Ark., where she will spend a few weeks.

## COUNTY NEWS BY REPORTERS

### SAWYER'S MILL.

Mrs. Ben Fields of Beuna Vista has been here.

Miss Mary Jordan is teaching school at this place.

Mrs. Dink Kee of Gleason spent a few days here this week.

L. G. Jordan and Zarnie Hoskins were in Camden Thursday.

Mrs. Docia Ward and Miss Grace Cole were here Saturday.

Misses Max Johnson and Linnie Webb were in Camden Saturday.

Dewey Coleman and wife and Guy Coleman and wife have been visiting relatives at Eva.

Mrs. Mollie Scarbrough of Madison County has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Melvin Johnson.

A few friends gathered at the home of C. C. Hollingsworth last Thursday evening and spent the time in singing, which was led by Carzel Walker.

### Republican Mass Convention.

Resolved, by the Republican executive committee of Benton County, that a mass convention of Republicans of said county is hereby called to meet in Camden on March 15, 1920, for purpose of appointing delegates to State convention in Chattanooga April 14, and delegates to Congressional convention to be called and to transact such other business as may come before said convention March 1, 1920.

G. B. DILLON,  
Chairman  
G. F. BRANCH,  
Secretary

No political party, by whatever name called, can place itself in power through the indiscriminate and corrupt use of millions of dollars, solicited from and subscribed by public service corporations and private monopolies and then give an honest impartial administration of Government. There can be no such thing as political debauchery and legislative integrity by the same man.

### WANTED.

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Corinth, Miss

"Uncle Thomas—" "Now, children, do you want me to have a game of romps with you?"

Youngster—"Oh, no! We're playing at Indians, and you're no use, you're scalped already!"

# The Big Land Sale

Preparations are being made for the big land sale in Big Sandy River bottom. Matters are rapidly developing. Watch The Chronicle for details.

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